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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed 1 JULY 2002, attached is a Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application which has been executed by the inventors, as well as a copy of the Notification.

The Surcharge of \$130.00 for providing the Declaration later than 30 months from the original priority date is attached.

The Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayments to, counsel's deposit account No. 13-3402, a copy of this paper being attached.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Priority Document
- Copy of IPE Report
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- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Preliminary Amendments

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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- \$130 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

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- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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